

DISTILLERY CASE NEARING ITS END

Pocahontas Witnesses Deny Government Charge in Federal Proceeding.

SUIT FOR CONFISCATION

Point Hinges on Question as to How Beer Got Into Slop Tank.

The government's suit to confiscate the Pocahontas Distillery will reach the jury to-day. The defense will place its last witness on the stand early this morning in the United States District Court.

The Federal government instituted in rem proceedings in the District Court for the confiscation of the Pocahontas Distillery, in Petersburg, for alleged internal revenue frauds. Revenue agents told of approaching the plant on the night of July 14 and discovering a "slop" tank high up on the outside of the distillery which contained 1,162 gallons of beer in a high state of fermentation. United States District Attorney Groner claims that the official plans of the distillery in the possession of Collector M. K. Lowry fall to show the pipes connecting the suspected slop tank with the cooler and the beer well.

Put Up Vigorous Defense.
The defense struck a vigorous blow when E. W. Throckmorton, who drew the government's plans of the distillery, testified that the pipes in question were shown him when he made the plans, but that it had been impossible to sketch these particular pipes into the drawings. The government's storekeeper-gauger at the Pocahontas, Murphy and Starbuck, Pierce and Hunsbrough were the men who made the discovery of the tank, and whose evidence is relied upon by the government to secure a verdict. Under cross-examination Pierce and Hunsbrough reiterated their belief that beer could only have got into the slop tank by design. Both asserted it impossible for beer to have been pumped there accidentally. The strong point of the defense is that the beer found in the tank was due to an accident.

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FEAR OF METCALFE UPSETTING PLANS

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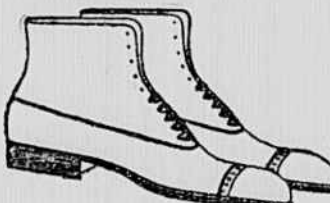
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Panama, October 16.—Governor Metcalfe has finally completed the scheme to upset all of Colonel Goethals' plans for the effective management of the canal, and goes even further than was previously intimated. After an experience of only four months, Mr. Metcalfe, secretary, has become convinced that the whole plan under which the canal was built was



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The scheme which seeks the repeal of the Adamson act providing for a reorganization of the canal force and a mandatory reduction of 25 per cent in pay, proposes not only a three-headed commission in future, with divided authority, but also provides for turning over to a private corporation the railroad and steamship line and the commissary departments.

The railroad is an integral part of the canal defense as well as of its operation, and a triumph for government ownership. Its divorce from the canal would upset the interlocking relationship necessary, and would put the railroad and canal in competition.

The commissary department, under government money, has been one of the signal triumphs connected with the work. Only 3,000 employees and 5,000 troops are to be left in the zone when the canal is completed. These could easily be supplied by the government commissary department, but they will be robbed if the commissary is turned over to private management.

The Adamson bill provides for all this, but Governor Metcalfe's scheme has been forwarded to Washington, and it is feared here that because President Wilson has not yet ordered the reorganization, and an immediate start on the organization of the operating force that all the plans of Colonel Goethals will be upset.

GAS CONSUMERS LOSING MILLIONS

Bad Locations and Poor Fixtures Result in Great Lighting Waste.

INSTITUTE ADJOURNS TO-DAY

Banquet Big Social Feature of Convention—Ready for Golf Tournament.

American gas consumers are wasting annually from \$30,000,000 to \$33,000,000 through the improper location of illuminating fixtures, according to estimates made by W. J. Clark, vice-president of the Westchester Lighting Company, and chairman of the committee of arrangements of the American Gas Institute, now in session at the Jefferson Hotel. The institute spent all of yesterday in two divisions in the discussion of papers on subjects of a deeply technical character, relating to the problems of making and distributing gas for heating and lighting purposes.

This morning it will hold a joint session with the Illuminating Engineering Society. The annual banquet in the Jefferson Auditorium last night was a brilliant affair, former Assistant Attorney-General James M. Beck presiding. Speakers included Governor Mann, President Carrington, of the Chamber of Commerce, Representative Ira E. Copley, President-Elect Gartley and others.

Will Have Special Exhibits.
All night men were engaged in installing the special apparatus for the exhibits of gas lighting to be made at the joint session this morning. The Illuminating Engineering Society is a comparatively new organization made up of the experts, who are studying from a scientific standpoint interior lighting, both by gas and electricity. A series of booths will show the effect of various wall colorings, and even of different textures, of wall paper. Studies will also be made of the location and position of lights, some of the booths being in comparative darkness, while others, in which less candle power is being used, will be brilliantly illuminated, the difference being because of the scientific location of the lights, the use of proper globes and reflectors, and the use of proper coloring for ceiling and walls. Reports are to be submitted showing the effect on the eyes of working men, from the glaring and brilliant rather than soft and diffusive lighting of work shops. A report will also be submitted showing a series of examinations of the eyes of children in various New York public schools, where different systems of lighting are in use.

Waste Two-Thirds of Light.
"The question is one of practical interest to every household," said Mr. Clark yesterday. "Every company has complaints from patrons about their meters or that the gas is not of good quality, and that they have to light several burners in order to see how to read. In many of these cases the trouble is not with the gas, but with the room colorings, the wall paper, or the position of the light, which result in two-thirds of the actual illumination being wasted. Old-fashioned globes throw the light up against the ceiling instead of down into the room. If the owner of a public hall wants ornamentation and places his lights where they will look well, rather than where the illumination is needed, he need not complain to the gas or electric company that his bill for lighting is larger than for many another hall better lighted. This whole matter of lighting interiors is for the first time being given serious study by engineers from an illuminating and economic standpoint, as well as from the viewpoint of the ornamental designer."

Meet in Two Sections.
For facility in the discussion of subjects the institute divided into two sections yesterday. Section A in the auditorium taking up engineering problems relating to the manufacture of gas, and Section B discussing problems of distribution such as the proper methods of laying street mains and of handling street leaks. In both sections there were morning and afternoon sessions, with good attendance and animated discussions by engineers of national reputation. In Section A, a committee on power economics in gas plants made a report, after which papers on handling, storing and sale of coke were read by J. W. Shaeffer, on physical characteristics of ferric oxide, by W. H. Fubweller, and on the removal of hydrogen sulphide from coal gas, by J. G. O'Neil.

The committee on progress in carbonization methods reported at the afternoon session. G. B. Evans read a paper on the carbonization of coal in vertical retorts. The committee on the naphthalene problem reported, and a paper on behavior of water in holder cups was read by H. W. Aldrich.

Street Main Problems.
Section B was perhaps a little less technical, and its sessions were illustrated by many maps and views of the work being done in several cities. The installation of cast iron street mains was discussed by Walter Forstall; the installation of mains and pipe lines of steel and wrought iron, by H. L. Rice; street main standards, by G. I. Vincent, and the protection of street mains by an adequate system of inspection, by C. C. Simpson. Papers read at the afternoon session were on protection of street mains by the intelligent use of underground space, by J. A. Gould; on organization for and method of handling street leaks, by A. D. Whittaker; on a portable electric photometer standard, by Dr. C. H. Sharp and A. H. Schaaf, and on automatic distance ignition of gas, by F. H. Gilpin.

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NO DESIRE FOR LIFE.
Men Come Out of Prison Mental and Physical Weakened.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
New York, October 16.—Julian Hawthorne will devote the remainder of his life to working for reform in management of prisons. Mr. Hawthorne and Dr. W. E. Morton, who have been for the last six months in the Federal prison at Atlanta, were liberated Wed-

nesday. They arrived in New York to-night at 6 o'clock.

A statement made by them referred largely to the management of the Atlanta prison. Dr. Morton said that the food was inadequate, and that the system of treating prisoners is one which deprives them of all desire to live. Men come out of prisons mental and physical wrecks.

So far as their individual treatment was concerned, neither had any complaint. They said that the parsimony of the government in feeding the prisoners was the most objectionable thing in connection with their stay in prison.

Dr. Morton said that of the long term prisoners, few failed to become inmates in a few years. He went to his home in Riverside Drive and Mr. Hawthorne to a hotel.

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TWO-DAY SESSION AT HARRISONBURG

United Missionary Conference of Protestant Churches in Annual Meeting.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Harrisonburg, Va., October 16.—The United Missionary Conference of Protestant Churches to-day opened a two-day session in the Methodist Church. Three local speakers and several others are here for the conference, as follows: Rev. E. C. Cronk, D. D., of Columbia, S. C., secretary of the Layman's Missionary Movement in the Lutheran Church in the South; Rev. William Henry Smith, D. D., of Richmond, who spoke on "Our Supreme Need in the Missionary Enterprise"; Professor R. E. Gaines, of the chair of mathematics in Richmond College, who to-morrow afternoon will lead a general conference of missionary education. Rev. John Reach Straton, of Baltimore, Md., who is conducting a revival meeting at the Baptist Church, will address the conference to-morrow on "Mrs. Job."

Several matters of importance were transacted at the Virginia Mennonite conference, which has just closed its annual session at the Bank Church, several miles west of Harrisonburg. An industrial school will be established on the Hayfield farm, one of the George Washington estates near Alexandria. Christian Garber donated an old colonial residence and several acres of land, all valued at \$50,000. Steps were taken to raise \$10,000 more from the Mennonites of the eastern part of the United States. The school will be under the charge of conferences of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Ministers were allowed to use railroads, street cars and steamboats on the Sabbath, when necessary, but use of public conveyances for pleasure on the Sabbath is prohibited.

The conference will meet next year at Spring Dale, near Waynesboro.

Walker—Miss.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Durham, N. C., October 16.—Miss Eliza Walker of this city, and Nicholas Walker of Raleigh, were married at Trinity M. E. Church at 6:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The couple were given in marriage by Rev. C. C. Denison, of Raleigh. James C. Dabrell, of Lynchburg, and Oliver Kerner, of Winston, groomsmen; then the bridesmaids, Misses Virginia Rawls, of Norfolk; Kate Jenkins, of Winston; Katie Lee McKinnon, of Winston; and Emily Walker, of Raleigh. Miss Louise Glass, of this city, was the maid of honor. The little flower girls, Misses Sallie Lyon and Mary Washington Straz, preceded the bride. The bride was exquisitely gowned in white meteor and princess lace on train. She carried a shwed bouquet of lilies of the valley. She entered the church with her brother, Dr. Edwin Minns, and was

met at the chancel by the groom with his best man, Louis N. Dibrell, of Danville. Rev. R. C. Craven was the officiating clergyman. After the ceremony the bride and groom went to the home of the bride's mother on Trinity Heights, where a buffet supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Walker left the city for the North on the 8 o'clock train.

Comes Back, But Leaves.
Blossom Brown, who was fined \$25 in July by Justice Crutchfield and ordered to leave the city because she appeared in Broad Street in a slit skirt, returned this week, the police discovered yesterday, but she left last night.

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